



**National Park Service
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**Lava Beds National
Monument**

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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of [Lava Beds National Monument] under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

The visitor center hours are from 8:30 am -5:00 pm daily during the winter months and 8:30 am – 6:00 pm during the summer months.

Public Use Limits:

- A maximum of two vehicles or three motorcycles per campsite is permitted in Indian Well Campground provided those vehicles do not obstruct traffic. *This determination is based on the need to keep all vehicles on the asphalt.*
- All vehicles in Indian Well Campground must be parked on the pavement. *This determination is based on the need to protect the area from undue resource damage for vehicles and their by products.*
- No person or group may camp within ¼ mile of any developed area or road. *This determination is to limit over use and resource damage in developed areas and along roadways.*
- No person or group may camp within 50 yards of any cave entrance or within any cave. *This determination is to protect caves and cave entrances from excessive visitor impacts.*

Closures:

No camp may be established in the monument for use as a base for hunting. *Hunting is prohibited within the Monument, as is the storing of taken game.*

- No unauthorized person or persons may enter a designated management ignited prescribe fire area for 24 hours proceeding or during active fire operations. *This determination is made to protect visitors and staff during periods of active burning.*
- *No technical or free climbing is allowed on any face of the Petroglyph Point area, to include rappelling or rope use. Due to inherent instability of the rock and significant resource values at risk in the area.*

- Petroglyph Point is the site of numerous bird-of-prey roosts. Access to the cliff faces, from the top of Petroglyph Point, is closed from March 1 to August 15 annually. Person's accessing the top must remain no less than 100 feet from the east and west facing cliff faces to prevent disturbance of cliff nesting birds.
- *Eagle roost sites, within the monument, at Eagle Nest Butte, Caldwell Butte and Boundary Butte are closed to public access from November 1 to March 31 annually to protect roosting Bald Eagles from disturbance. Park staff access, into these buttes, during these months, can occur when no inclement weather is present between the hours of 0900 to 1500.*
- *Caves within the monument will be closed in accordance with the Cave Management Plan or in the interest of resource protection or life safety. The gating and/or posting off caves will be done to protect sensitive resources and for life safety. **Gated Closed Caves:** Gated closed caves in the monument have been closed for visitors' safety and resource protection reasons. Conditions within these caves are not conducive to allowing access to visitors because of hazardous conditions or resource damage concerns.*
- **Gated Limited Access Caves:** *Gated limited access caves are accessible to the public by tour only. Access to gated limited access caves is restricted because of damage caused to natural and cultural resources by excessive, non-guided visitation. Guided tours provide opportunities to interpret natural and cultural resources in these caves for a better understanding and appreciation by the visitor.*
- **Posted Caves:** *Posted caves are closed to visitation because of potentially hazardous conditions. Visitation to these caves is only restricted to the extent of having signs posted warning of hazardous conditions.*
- **Bat Caves:** *One of the largest populations of the Townsend's big-eared bat resides in the monument. This bat species has been designated a state and federal species of special concern due to population declines resulting from human disturbance. Seasonal administrative closures of the caves protect maternal and hibernating colonies of this sensitive species from unnecessary disturbance. Caves used by maternal colonies will be administratively closed during the maternal season from April 15 to October 15. Hibernaculum caves are administratively closed during the hibernaculum season from October 15 to April 15.*

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- The collection of dead and down firewood is restricted to only that area described on the attached collection map.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail tread or walkway on the following trails/walkways:

- Schonchin Butte
- Missing Link Trail
- Petroglyph Point Trail
- Except with written permission of the Superintendent

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Edible fruits, berries, and nuts may be collected for personal consumption within the monument.
- Collection of mushrooms for any purpose is prohibited.
- **Collection of Fruits, Nuts and Berries:** The collection of fruits, nuts and berries within the monument may be done for personal use or consumption. No large-scale gathering (>2 lbs) of this material will be allowed by the public so that the National Park Service may continue to preserve the integrity of the plant communities of this high-elevation desert ecosystem. Certain fruits, nuts, and berries may not be suitable for human consumption.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- Legally taken wildlife may be transported through the monument. The game must be properly tagged and fully compliant with all state game regulations.

e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- Use of artificial light for locating or viewing wildlife in the monument is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- In any 30-day period, camping in Lava Beds National Monument may not exceed 14 days, either consecutively or in a combined period. Further, camping within the monument shall not exceed thirty days annually. Campsite capacity at Indian Well Campground is 10 persons per site.
- The Indian Well Campground, with a recreation fee permit.
- In the designated wilderness and backcountry areas of Lava Beds National Monument in compliance with all wilderness regulations and restrictions specified under section 1.5 of this compendium.

Camping Limits: Without prior permission of the Superintendent, failing to have at least one person occupy a camping area during the first night after camping equipment has been set up is prohibited.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

- All food in the camping area shall be stored where animals cannot get at it, and must comply with this section.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Conditions for Picnicking:

- The storage and handling of food must comply with section (10)(d) of this document.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Wood fires are permitted only in government grills in the Indian Well Campground during periods of low and moderate fire danger. No open fires are permitted in the backcountry, wilderness or caves.

(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:

- Gas stoves are permitted in the Indian Well Campground and wilderness/backcountry.

(c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:

- Fires are prohibited during periods of high fire danger, as defined by the monument's Fire Management Office.
- Gas stoves may be prohibited in the campground, wilderness and backcountry as well during periods of high fire danger.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established for the following:

- Defecation and urination are prohibited in all caves.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- Pets are prohibited on all monument trails and in non-developed and wilderness areas, caves, and in government buildings.

(a)(3) Pets may be left tied to an object under the following conditions:

- Pets may be left tied to an object in the campground provided they create no hazard or nuisance.

(a)(5) Pet waste must be immediately picked up and properly disposed of a waste container.

- Pet waste creates health and resource hazards or nuisance.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Resident monument employees are permitted to have pets in accordance with the Lava Beds National Monument Pet Policy.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is permitted on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Horses and pack animals are permitted on backcountry roads and trails within the monument with the exception of the following: the trail to Schonchin Butte Lookout; all interpretive and cave trails.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Horse and pack animal use may be temporarily prohibited by the Superintendent (or his designee) during such times and at such locations where the use of the animals may create a hazardous condition or resource damage.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:

- The Monument Housing Compound is exempt from these restrictions by employees, their families and guests .

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:

- Smoking is prohibited in all government facilities and seasonal quarters.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- The possession of any open bottle, can or receptacle or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all caves and government work areas. *Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverage is prohibited in all caves because of adverse impacts to cave environments from litter and associated activities.*

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- Gross vehicle weight of any vehicles using monument roads may not exceed 52,000 pounds without prior written authorization of the Superintendent.